

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled).

30 (Previously presented). An antibody against the
protein according to claim 58 or a fragment thereof.

31 (Currently amended). The antibody according to
claim 30 ~~which is a polyclonal antibody, a monoclonal antibody or
an antibody generated against~~ or an antibody to a peptide
fragment derived from a protein consisting of amino acid residues
54 to 282 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the antibody is a polyclonal or
monoclonal antibody.

Claims 32-50 (Cancelled).

51 (Previously presented). A pharmaceutical composition
comprising the protein according to claim 58.

Claims 52-57 (Cancelled).

58 (Currently amended). A protein consisting of amino
acid residues ~~54 to 282~~ 1 to 229 of SEQ ID NO:2.